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SUBJ: STATUS OF GOJ LEGISLATION OF INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL ORGANIZATIONS

- 1. FOLLOWING IS CURRENT STATUS OF PROPOSED GOJ LEGISLATION FOR JAPAN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, THE OECD FINANCIAL SUPPORT FUND AND THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK. END SUMMARY.
- 2. MOF (KAYA) TOLD FINATT THAT ON FEB 13 CABINET APPROVED PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR JAPANESE PARTICIPATION IN THE (A) INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (B) OECD FINANCIAL SUPPORT FUND, AND (C) THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK. NEXT STEP, HE SAID, WAS INTRODUCTION, DISCUSSION AND PASSAGE OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION IN LOWER AND THEN UPPER HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT. TIMING OF INTRODUCTION DEPENDS ON (A) PRIORITIES OF OTHER BILLS AND (B) SPEED OF DIET DELIBERATIONS. AT PRESENT DELIBERATIONS IN LOWER HOUSE BUDGET COMMITTEE HAVE BEEN SLOW (AS IF OFTEN THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CASE WITH THE BUDGET BILL). MOF SOURCES SAID THAT NEXT

MOST IMPORTANT BILL FOR FINANCE COMMITTEE WOULD BE "DEFICIT BOND FINANCING BILL" TO PERMIT GOJ TO FINANCE ITS PROSPECTIVE JFY 1976 DEFICIT. NEXT PRIORITY IS TAX BILL TO BE FOLLOWED BY A SINGLE BILL CONTAINING (A) IDB, (B) OECD FSF, (C) AFDB.

- 3. KAYA SAID THAT PERSONALLY HE WOULD HOPE THAT AT MAY ANNUAL MEETING OF IDB GOJ COULD HAVE COMPLETED ALL PARLIAMENTARY WORK TO GIVE JAPANESE DELEGATION SAME STANDING S GERMANY AND OTHER NON-REGIONAL COUNTRIES THAT HAVE COMPLETED THEIR LEGISLATIVE PROCESS. SPEED OF DIET DELIBERATIONS ON OTHER BILLS HAVING PRIORITY CANNOT BE FORESEEN AT THIS TIME. NEVERTHELESS, KAYA FULLY HOPES THAT PASSAGE CAN BE SECURED BEFORE SESSION ENDS, AN UNDETERMINED TIME IN LATE SPRING OR EARLY SUMMER. THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY, HE SAID, TO INTRODUCE THE BILL LATER THIS YEAR WHEN DIET WOULD HAVE TO CONVENE TO CONSIDER SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET. ALL IN ALL, HE FULLY EXPECTED GOJ TO COMPLETE LEGISLATIVE ACTION DURING CY 1976.
- 4. IN ACCORDANCE WITH PREVIOUS JAPANESE RESERVATIONS, SAID KAYA, MOF WOULD NOT WISH TO PERMIT DIET DEBATE AND VOTING OF IDB LEGISLATION UNTIL REGIONAL COUNTRIES HAVE COMPLETED THEIR LEGAL MEASURES AND HAVE DEPOSITED VOTES AMENDING ADB AGREEMENT SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR NON-REGIONAL COUNTRY MEMBERSHIP. HE FELT IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT THE U.S. AS THE LARGEST REGIONAL MEMBER SHOULD HAVE GIVEN ITS APPROVAL TO THOSE AMENDMENTS BY THE TIME THE MOF BILL IS SUBMITTED TO THE DIET. KAYA WAS WELL INFORMED ABOUT FAVORABLE U.S. HOUSE VOTE LAST DEC AND SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE HEARINGS IN EARLY 1976, ACCORDING TO A U.S. NEWS SOURCE, SAID KAYA, THE SENATE COMMITTEE APPROVED THE IDB LEGISLATION. FINATT WAS UNABLE TO ANSWER HIS QUESTIONS WHETHER COMMITTEE APPROVED OR AMENDED ADMINISTRATION REQUESTS AND THE PROSPECTS FOR FINAL CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF THE IDB BILL.
- 5. IT IS CLEAR TO FINATT THAT MOF IS KEEPING CLOSE WATCH ON U.S. CONGRESSIONAL PROGRESS, NOT ONLY OF IDB, BUT ALSO ADB AND IDA IV REPLENISHMENT. IT APPEARS THAT JAPANESE EMBASSY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OFFICIALS ARE REMAINING IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH TREASURY TO KEEP EACH OTHER INFORMED ABOUT THEIR RESPECTIVE LEGISLATIVE TIMETABLES. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE OCCASIONAL SHORT PROGRESS REPORT IN ORDER TO BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO SUPPORT USG INTERESTS IN TOKYO. HODGSON

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